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2025 Annual Update

*A Status Update for Donors and Community Supporters of
Emerado’s Permanent Endowment Fund.*

Dear Friends,

We are amazed at the changes in Emerado in the last decade and the incredible pride our residents have in their community. The annual Corn Feed and Car Show continues to be a fantastic event, we now have a Food Pantry and Museum in town, and most recently, we hosted a spaghetti feed for area residents to learn more about our community fund (see photo below.) **Thanks to the 100+ people who came out to support this community and fund!** Please feel free to contact any of us if you have questions about what’s happening in Emerado!

ECEF Advisory Committee

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\$3,000 Awarded in 2025

The Emerado Community Endowment Fund Advisory Committee recently awarded its 2025 grants to the following organizations:

- **Emerado Museum:** \$2,240 to support the cost of utilities
- **ND Newspaper Association Education Foundation:** \$760 for Kid Scoop News ND

The grant dollars came from the Emerado Community Endowment Fund as well as from the Ascension Lutheran Church Charitable Fund, which supports projects and programs in Emerado and the surrounding area.

Grant applications are accepted once a year and reviewed by the local advisory committee. Go to www.NDCF.net/Emerado for more information.



Kids Scoop News is a fun, kid-friendly newspaper designed to spark curiosity, build reading skills, and help students learn more about the world around them through engaging stories, puzzles, and educational activities. Photo from the Valley-Edinburg School’s Facebook page.

Emerado Comm Endowment Fund

- Established in 2014
- Total Assets (as of 10/21/2025): **\$133,439**
- Total Gifts so far in 2025: **\$5,100**
- Total Grants Awarded in 2025: **2 grant totaling \$3,000**
- Total Grants Awarded since inception: **13 grants totaling \$11,759**

** Includes data from the Ascension Lutheran Church Charitable Fund*

Donating Ag Commodities Makes Good Sense (& Cents)

Many North Dakotans do their charitable giving in a very tax-wise way - they gift a portion of their harvest.

"Gifting agricultural commodities is a really smart way to give back," noted Amy Stromsodt of the North Dakota Community Foundation, who works with area producers on their gifts. "Farmers can deduct the cost of production, but the portion of the harvest that is donated does not have to be claimed as income to the self-employed farmer. This can result in thousands of dollars in tax savings as opposed to a straight gift of cash."



The Emerado Community Endowment Fund can accept many different types of agricultural commodities as gifts, including livestock.

If you are interested in learning more about this giving option, contact Amy Stromsodt at Amy@NDCF.net or 701-795-1531 for a free, confidential conversation. She can provide illustrations of your potential tax savings and discuss various ways to structure your gift to meet your charitable-giving desires as well as optimize your tax savings. Learn more at www.NDCF.net/AgGifts.



Corn Feed Adds Beauty Pageant

The Emerado Corn Feed continues to grow—this year's celebration on August 16 included a beauty pageant! Girls competed for the titles of Corn Cob Cutie, Popcorn Princess, Little Miss Cornfeed, and Junior Miss Cornfeed depending on their age.



The Emerado Community Endowment Fund Advisory Committee awarded the 2025 Golden



Kernel Award to **Eleanor Bader**, for her lifetime of devotion and selfless service to the town of Emerado, including service on the Cemetery Board, Park Board, voting stations, and Community Center. **Thank you, Eleanor!**

Leave Your Legacy in Emerado

If you would like to leave some or all of your estate, insurance policy, or retirement account to the Emerado Community Endowment Fund, the bequest language is as follows:

*"I give and bequeath to the North Dakota Community Foundation (Tax ID 45-0336015), a qualified charitable organization under IRS 501 (c)(3), located in Bismarck, North Dakota, _____(a percentage, specific dollar amount, or remainder) to the **Emerado Community Endowment Fund**, a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation."*
* Be sure to consult an attorney

Questions or want more information?



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The Emerado Community Endowment Fund (ECEF) is a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF). Established in 1976, NDCF provides charitable giving and fiduciary services including donor gift planning, bequest planning and an annual audit. For more information about NDCF contact Amy Stromsodt, NDCF Development Director at Amy@NDCF.net.